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MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on February 9, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 115, 2/7/2005; HB 38, 2/7/2005;
SB 348, 2/4/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:55

HEARING ON HB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 115, Generally revise property tax exemption laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:27 David Cockrell, Flathead Lutheran Camp

00:14:55 Loren Gustafson, Our Redeemer's Church

EXHIBIT (tas32a01)

00:18:46 James W. Spangelo, Flathead Valley attorney

00:28:12 Dan McLean

00:30:07 Eric Scheidermayer, Montana Catholic Conference

Informational Testimony:

00:33:31 Virgil Byford, Department of Revenue

00:33:51

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:58

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:32

HEARING ON HB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 38, Limit land for public charity property tax exemption.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:02:33 Virgil Byford, Department of Revenue

01:02:51

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:12

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:27

HEARING ON SB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KEN TOOLE (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on **SB 348**, Increase video gambling tax for residential property tax relief tax credit.

EXHIBIT (tas32a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:00	Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus
01:18:21	Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190
01:21:41	Deb Essen
01:22:41	Judy Smith
01:25:13	Eric Scheidermayer, Montana Catholic Conference

Opponents' Testimony:

01:25:41	Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Owners Association
01:31:13	Bill Wheeler, Goldrush Casino, Butte
01:37:12	John Cetraro, Suds Hut, Helena
01:39:03	Ralph Ferraro, Gallatin County L B Association
01:39:27	Ronda Carpenter-Wigger, Montana Coin Operators Association
01:42:40	Marc Wass, Little Nevada Casino
01:45:21	Sandra Jones, Missoula County Tavern Association
01:45:59	Mike Ferradas, You Bet Casino
01:47:48	Pat Kelly, Flathead Best Bets
01:50:20	Mike Clasby, Howard's Pizza
01:57:58	Rich E. Miller, Gaming Industry Association

EXHIBIT (tas32a03)

EXHIBIT (tas32a04)

02:03:19	John Hayes, Cascade County Tavern Association
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Informational Testimony:

02:04:28 Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue

02:04:47 Rick Ask, Gaming Control, Department of Justice

02:05:43

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:10:19

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:19 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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